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## Denver Post Heir Plans to Sue Newhouse on Monopoly Charges

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Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg said yesterday that he planned, on behalf of a client, to sue S. I. Newhouse, one of the nation's leading newspaper publishers, charging him with restraining competition and monopolizing the dissemination of news.

Mr. Goldberg said he intended to file suit next month in Federal Court here in what he described as "the first major action" designed to restrain acquisitions by large corporations in the communications media field.

In an interview at his new law office at the firm of Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, Mr. Goldberg, predicted the case could have repercussions for all large corporations that own newspapers, television and radio stations, and printing presses.

### 'Concentration of Power'

"It will be the first time that we shall be really challenging the newspaper and television monopolies that have been building up over the last decade," Mr. Goldberg said.

"Newhouse's interest in the communications media amounts to the greatest concentration of power over the dissemination of news, ideas and advertising which has ever been placed in the hands of one person in the United States."

Mr. Goldberg said the suit would seek to force Mr. Newhouse to dispose of all his interest in The Denver Post and to curb the printing of locally edited rotogravure newspaper supplements.

The suit is an outgrowth of a six-year struggle between Mr. Newhouse and Miss Helen Bonfils, surviving daughter of F. G. Bonfils, one of The Post's founders, for control of the Colorado newspaper.

### Denver Suit Pending

A year ago the Herald Company of Syracuse, N.Y., a Newhouse property that owns an 18.8 per cent interest in the Colorado newspaper, filed a suit in Federal Court in Denver charging The Post's management with improper use of com-

pany funds and seeking public sale of stock held in the newspaper's treasury and in its employee stock trust.

The Post, which has retained Mr. Goldberg, denied the allegations and filed a countercharge last December contending that the Newhouse newspaper chain was attempting to restrain competition in violation of the Sherman and Clayton Antitrust Acts.

Since then, Mr. Goldberg said, the court in Denver has suggested that the countercharge would be more appropriately handled in a separate suit. The decision was made to file it in New York because this is considered the headquarters of the Newhouse chain.

### A Varied Chain Today

The Newhouse publishing chain, which is said to be worth at least \$300-million, was started in 1922 with the purchase of The Staten Island Advance for \$98,000. It quickly expanded, mainly through the acquisition of failing dailies, and now includes 22 newspapers, seven television stations, four FM and three AM radio stations, 20 nationally distributed magazines, the Newhouse News Service, and newsprint and rotogravure printing plants.

Despite the vastness of his holdings, Mr. Newhouse, who is 74 years old, has remained virtually unknown to the public. Though his newspapers are not run from a central office, their business operations are closely supervised from New York by Mr. Newhouse or one of his close relatives, including two brothers and two sons.

He was not available for comment yesterday. But in a rare interview last year, he emphasized he was interested only in keeping his newspapers profitable and had no intention of interfering with their editorial policies.

"My papers have different philosophies, and they're about as wide apart as they can get," he said. "Some are Democratic, some are Republican. I am not going to try to shape their thought."

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